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NRO review(s) completed.

IMAGERY COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS SUBCOMMITTEE OF COMIREX

MINUTES OF MEETING

10:00 - 13:30 Tuesday, 20 May 1969

PRESIDING

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MEMBERS PRESENT

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Mr. J. Urban, ONI

Mr. J. C. St. Cyr, OACSI

Lt. Col. N. D. Thurman, AFNIN

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Office of Chairman:

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CONSULTANTS PRESENT

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OBSERVERS PRESENT

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CCRP PRESENTATION

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1. briefed the Committee on the USIB requirements for reconnaissance of targets in the Soviet Bloc and Communist China (USIB-D-40.4713). He reviewed the general conclusions

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set forth in the document and the specific tasks to be accomplished by satellite reconnaissance. Particular emphasis was placed on the CCRP in terms of criteria used by the ICRS Staff in determining if coverage was of sufficient quality to satisfy management and also the procedures for bookkeeping and reporting the status of

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A set of vu-graphs used in the briefing will be distributed separately.

2. The Air Force and DIA members expressed some concern regarding reporting procedures of categories that have been conditionally satisfied (1 mono equals 1 stereo). DIA member also stated he was not aware that the general priority guidelines as briefed by the Chairman had been established. [redacted] replied that the subject had been discussed at several meetings and had been in practice for some time. He noted that the Chairman, ICRS was held responsible for maintaining coverage of the CCRP at a satisfactory level and that a systematic means of collection was mandatory. The briefing also stimulated an expression from members that targets not presently in the CCRP should be reviewed. Chairman stated that he would provide a listing of these targets to each member and would schedule the review as an agenda item in the near future.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. The draft minutes for the meeting of 14 May were approved after minor editorial changes were made.

SATELLITE SCHEDULE

4. [redacted] reported there was no change to the launch schedule. Schedule is as follows:

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MISSION 1051

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5. [] reported the second bucket of Mission 1051 was recovered at 1843 local time Saturday and the film had arrived at NPIC at 0600 this morning. He informed the Committee that over 50% of the total film load was expended against the ICBM complexes having an extraordinary priority. It was noted that the priority on these targets could not be lowered for the last part of the Mission since no feed-back was received from NPIC showing satisfactory coverage on bucket 1.

SOUTH CHINA/NORTH VIETNAM PRIORITIES LIST

6. A review of the South China/North Vietnam priorities list resulted in the deletion of Ma Huang Tien Hwy Segment [] in South China.

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MIDDLE EAST REQUIREMENT

7. Chairman presented following overlays relating to coverage in the Middle East:

- a. Total KH-4 coverage in 1967
- b. Total KH-4 coverage in 1968
- c. Coverage obtained by 2 typical KH-4 missions
- d. []

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The Chairman stated that the NRO had estimated an expenditure of about 5% of the film for each KH-4 mission would be required to cover the primary areas of interest. Chairman stated he had not completed a consolidation of the requirements since he is still awaiting input from some of the members. He informed the Committee that it was hoped an agreed statement of requirements could be presented to COMIREX on 5 June.

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8. [] reported the area coverage for the current 56-day period stood at 52.7%. He noted that this figure would hold for about another week. DIA member confirmed that a GLASS LAMP mission would be flown as soon as weather permits.

COVERAGE OF CHINESE COMMUNIST STRATEGIC WEAPONS INSTALLATIONS

9. Chairman distributed a draft memorandum to ICRS members together with a proposed memorandum for Chairman, COMIREX which offered specific comments and recommendations relating to a paper from [] entitled "Optimizing of KH Missions to Improve Intelligence Analysis re Chinese Communist Strategic Weapons Targets", dated 1 May 1969. Chairman requested members review his memorandum to Chairman, COMIREX and provide any changes/concurrence by COB Thursday. The CIA member in commenting on [] paper noted that it would be desirable to forestall the generation of additional collection myths by verifying the historical facts regarding the time of day and look angles on past coverage of the targets listed in Attachment and whether improvements in the system had been realized at any sacrifice in flexibility.

LIBRARY CASE REQUIREMENTS

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10. Chairman noted he had received DIA's input for developing a library of [] and urged other members to get their input in as soon as possible.

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ORBIT FOR MISSION 1107

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12. Chairman informed the Committee that he needed to know by the end of the week if there was a requirement to fly Mission 1107 in an ascending/descending

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mode similar to Mission 1151. He noted there was a problem in using this mode

MPC REQUIREMENTS

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understanding the MPCs were originally developed for purposes other than intelligence use in transmitting target identification

NRO, responded that the MPCs would actually not be used as much in training as in operations. He also noted that cues would be prepared from the MPCs and that software was being developed to accept X and Y coordinates but could also accept WGS coordinates. Chairman concluded the discussion by requesting members to give their requirements further thought and that the deadline for submitting requirements would be extended.

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TARGET UPDATES

14. The weekly transaction sheets containing: 61 Additions

17 Deletions

12 Changes were approved.

Two actions were held in a pending status until the next meeting.

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Acting Chairman
Imagery Collection Requirements
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AGENDA

10:00, Tuesday, 20 May 1969

1. Approval of Minutes - 13 May Meeting (ICRS-M-13-69)
2. Satellite Schedule - NRO
3. South China/North Vietnam Priority List
(ICRS-6/18-2, 27 March 1969)
4. Middle East Requirements
5. Update COMIREX File - Pages 267 thru 277
6. CCRP Presentation [REDACTED]
7. Other Business

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